

Home of Franklin D. Roosevelt National Historic Site



Education Programs at The Home of Franklin D. Roosevelt National Historic Site



Welcome:



The National Park Service invites you to explore new paths of learning at the Home of Franklin D. Roosevelt National Historic Site. Our curriculum-based education programs utilize this American Treasure to help forge connections with our nation's heritage, and also meet New York State curriculum-standards.

Reserving a Program

If you have any changes to your schedule or clarification of programs regarding your visit, please contact the education department at (845) 486-7751, or e-mail roosevelt.education@nara.gov. For particular information and questions about NPS Education programs please contact (845) 229-0174.

Field Trip Experience

To insure a satisfactory field trip experience during your visit we require one chaperone per 10 students. Teachers and chaperones alike are asked to actively participate in the program along with the students. You and your students should wear comfortable clothing and walking shoes. If you have reserved an environmental education program please dress appropriately for the weather and outdoor activities.

Please arrive 15 minutes before your scheduled program. Backpacks, cell-phones, ipods and gum are not permitted on the tours and programs. During the house tours drinking and eating are not permitted. You may bring bag lunches for a picnic on the grounds or may make arrangements to eat in the brown-bag lunch room in the Wallace Education Center. Please make these arrangements when you make your reservation.



Parking

All buses should park in the designated bus parking areas. There is ample parking for car pooling students.

Unable to visit our physical site, visit teaching sites on the web!



Websites

[**Teaching with Historic Places**](#) offers over 80 classroom ready lesson plans, including Home of Franklin Delano Roosevelt: Springwood Birth Place and home of the Four- Term President.

This site, [**Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library**](#), offers capabilities for students and teachers, some program descriptions, background information, and is continually being updated.

The National Park Service presents [**Exploring the Real Thing**](#) - a statewide guide to Curriculum-based programs at National Park sites. Plan your class visit to National Parks with the *Exploring the Real Thing* web sites. Each web site provides you with complete information for weaving a National Park visit into your statewide educational frameworks.

[**Teaching Eleanor Roosevelt**](#) is a web based teacher/student resource which includes multi-disciplinary curriculum-based lesson plans, teacher packets, teacher workshops, and links to Eleanor Roosevelt Papers.

Education Programs

All tours & programs at the FDR Site begin at the Henry Wallace Visitors Center. There is an orientation film available. Your interpreter education ranger will meet you at the center at your scheduled time.

The Presidents Petunias

Grades 2nd – 3rd

Hyde Park was a quiet farming community in the years that the Roosevelts' settled into the Hudson Valley. In this program students will compare and contrast changes that have occurred in Hyde Park and Springwood over time. Through hands-on exploration and discussion students will visit the Roosevelt Greenhouse and gardens where FDR's connection to his home and land can be discovered.

During the students' visit they will meet President Roosevelt (a hand-held puppet) who will share stories of his life at Springwood, his love for plant and animals (including his dog Fala), and his presidential career. After the puppet show students will transplant flowers that were grown in the Roosevelt greenhouse to take home.



*1 1/2 hour curriculum-based multi-disciplinary
Class Size: 10 – 30 Students
Home School groups are welcome
Available Early Spring*

*Meets NYS Curriculum-Standards
Social Studies: 1 & 6
Science: The Living Environment & Plant Life
Language Arts:
Math:*

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Growing Up at Springwood

Grades 4th - 6th

“All that is within me cries to go back to my home on the Hudson River” President Roosevelt once declared. FDR came home to Springwood often from Washington D.C. to find peace of mind and rejuvenation. Through hands-on activities (mystery bags) students will learn what it may have been like to grow up at Springwood and what influences shaped the man who became the only four-term president of the United States.



Photos Courtesy of FDR Presidential Library

90 minute curriculum-based program & house Tour Meets NYS Curriculum-Standards
Class Size: 15– 50 Students
Home School groups are welcome
Available Early September - June
Social Studies: 1,3, & 5
Language Arts:

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Stream Ecology, Home of FDR

Grades 4th -6th

President Roosevelt had a great love for the outdoors which he used in shaping our nation's conservation programs. Through hands-on activities students will learn about the Roosevelt Estate, the creatures living at Springwood, and how the President's management of his family estate was reflected in New Deal-era conservation programs. By utilizing multi-disciplinary techniques and observational skills student will collect data, identify and classify organisms, and participate in a web-of-life game by applying their newly gained knowledge of fresh water ecosystems.



2 hour curriculum-based multi-disciplinary program
Class Size: 10 – 30 Students
Home School groups are welcome
Available: Spring & Fall

Meets NYS Curriculum-Standards
Social Studies: 1 & 2
Science: The Living Environment
**Complement this program with the Library program: “Pretend you are the President”*
See: <http://www.fdrlibrary.marist.edu>

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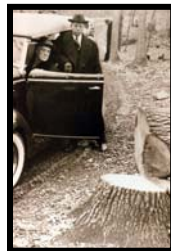
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Franklin D. Roosevelt as Tree Farmer

Grades 6th –12th

President Franklin D. Roosevelt had a deep and lasting connection to his life long home “Springwood” in Hyde Park, New York. From his Hyde Park childhood grew a love of the natural world. Throughout his life he would describe himself as tree farmer, planting over half a million trees on his property. The lessons the land taught him would later be transformed into public policy. This multi-disciplinary program is an exciting hands-on investigation and discussion that will lead your students through map orienteering, forest ecology skills, and a hike to one of FDR’s forestry plantations. Students will participate in current forestry techniques, data collection for the parks use in developing its Forestry General Management Plan, and learn about FDR’s conservation policies.



All morning or all afternoon curriculum-based multi-disciplinary program
Class Size: 10 – 30 Students
Home School groups are welcome
Available: Spring & Fall

Meets NYS Curriculum-Standards
Social Studies: 1, 2,3, 4, &5
Math, Science & Technology: 1 -7
Language Arts: 3 & 4
** Adapted to grade level curriculum standards*

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Who Lives in Franklin D. Roosevelt’s Forest?

A Forest Ecology Out Reach Program

A Ranger will visit your classroom

*(must be within 50 mile radius)

For more information cal 845-229-0174



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NPS Natural Resource Management
Tree Planting

The Making of a President

Grades 6th - 8th

This program and tour of the Franklin D. Roosevelt Home immerses students in an investigation of FDR as a leader during the Depression Era, helping students compare FDR's life at Springwood with the lives of people in the Hyde Park and across the nation. The essential question is: What things at Springwood influenced FDR as a leader? Students will discover the answers at his boyhood home.



Photos Courtesy of USDA



Photos Courtesy of FDR Presidential Library



NPS Photo



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90 minute curriculum-based program & house Tour
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Home School groups are welcome
Available Early September - June

Meets NYS Curriculum-Standards
Social Studies: 1, 2, 3, 4, & 5

**Complement this program with the Library program: "[Student Research in Primary Source Documents](#)" See: fdrlibrary.marist.edu*

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FDR's Boyhood Farm Tour

Grades 1st - 3rd

Open the door to FDR's boyhood through exploration of his childhood interests and experiences, and through his connection to his community. Students will join a park ranger for a guided tour of the FDR farm estate to examine where and how he grew up.



1 hour curriculum-based program- tour includes a visit to a downstairs portion of the FDR home.
Class Size: 10 - 50 Students
Home School groups are welcome
Available Early September - June

Meets NYS Curriculum-Standards
Social Studies: 1, 2, 3, 4, & 5

**Complement this program with the Library program: "[Fala's Famous Friend](#)" See: www.fdrlibrary.marist.edu*

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FDR's Boyhood Program



Grade 2

Open the door to FDR's boyhood through exploration of his childhood interests and experiences, and through his connection to his community. Students will join a park ranger for a guided tour of the FDR farm estate and the downstairs of his home to examine where and how he grew up. Teachers will lead the other portions of the program where students will participate in a puppet show (Franklin's Fine Feathered Friends), play 19th century games and take a short nature walk. These hands-on activities will help students develop an understanding and appreciation for this American leader. The program has four activity components:

- Activity 1: Puppet Show: "Franklin's Fine Feathered Friends" - Teacher led
- Activity 2: FDR's Boyhood Farm Tour - Ranger led
- Activity 3: 19th Century Games - Teacher led
- Activity 4: Nature walk/bird study - Teacher led

4 hour curriculum-based multi-disciplinary program
Class Size: Program can accommodate up to 60 students, 30 students per activity.
Home School groups are welcome
Available Early Spring

Meets NYS Curriculum-Standards
Social Studies: 1
English Language Arts: 1
Math, Science & Technology: 4

Prerequisite: *Teacher workshops are offered in the spring and fall each year on site. PD credit is possible through Mid-Hudson Teaches Center.*

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FDR's Boyhood Program



Grade 3

Through hands-on activities the students will discover the life and times of Franklin D. Roosevelt by exploring his childhood interests and experiences, through his connection to his community, students will develop an understanding and appreciation for this American leader. The program has four seasonal activity components:

- Activity 1 From Grass to Table- Ranger led
- Activity 2: FDR's Boyhood Farm Tour - Ranger led
- Activity 3: Cider Pressing - Ranger led
- Activity 4: Nature walk/bird study - Teacher led

4 hour curriculum-based multi-disciplinary program
Class Size: Program can accommodate up to 60 students, 30 students per activity.
Home School groups are welcome
Available Early Spring

Meets NYS Curriculum-Standards
Social Studies: 1
English Language Arts: 1
Math, Science & Technology: 4
Personal Health & Fitness: 1
Resource management: 3

Prerequisite: Teacher workshops are offered in the spring and fall each year on site. PD credit is possible through Mid-Hudson Teaches Center.

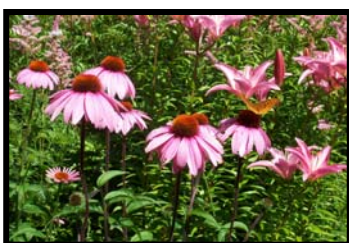


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Visiting the Roosevelt Grounds and the Gravesite



During your field trip you may want to spend some time visiting the sites on the grounds. If you are scheduled for one or two programs at the Franklin D. Roosevelt Site, you may have time in-between programs to walk to the Rose Garden, and gravesite, or investigate the stables. Please inform your students to be respectful when visiting the grounds, as these landmarks are our National Treasures.

Hiking With your Students

Trail Map



Suggested Hiking Seasons – Spring & Fall

Each site has a loop trail and is also connected to the Hyde Park Trail. You may want to reference the wayside map of the site trails. You may also want to review the site map above. Please be prepared for your hiking trip. You as the teacher will be held responsible for your students and the hiking activity.

Hyde Park Trail – 3.0 Miles. The trail hike is even to moderate terrain.

The HPT begins at the Home of Franklin D. Roosevelt National Historic Site and goes along the river to the Vanderbilt Mansion National Historic Site. If you hike the entire trail you will need to make arrangements for the bus to pick you up at the Vanderbilt Visitors Center Parking.

Forest Trail – This is a loop trail that connects to the Hyde Park Trail.

Meadow Trial (loop trail) - .05 miles, a quick round trip hike which starts and ends at the Roosevelt site.

Precautions:

- There are ticks that cause Lyme Disease. Be prepared by wearing light colored clothing, tucking pant legs into socks, using tick repellent, and sticking to the trails.
- Parts of the Hyde Park Trail cross over public road ways. Please observe traffic laws and organize your students accordingly. You are responsible for your students!

- Be prepared. Plan to be dropped off at one site and picked up at another when hiking the entire trail.
- Stay on the trails.
- Do not start fires.
- Please do not pick plants. (It is the National Park Service mission to protect and preserve all natural and cultural resources for future generations).
- Please leave all wildlife alone, observe only.
- Do not leave garbage behind. Please leave no trace of your visit, only footprints.

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<i>Sights</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fresh water tidal pool • Streams • Hudson River • Deciduous & coniferous forests • Wildlife 	<i>Birds</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Song birds • Birds of Prey • Waterfowl
<i>Mammals</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • White tailed deer • Skunk • Raccoon • Red fox & much more 	<i>Amphibians</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Salamanders • Snakes • Frogs & more
<i>Wildflowers</i> Seasonally you will find an abundant array of flowering vascular and non-vascular plants. array of flowering vascular and non-vascular plants.	<i>Fish</i> In streams & pools you may see a variety of small fish.

Always be Prepared

What to bring: day pack, water, snacks, sun lotion, bug spray, trail map, first aid kit, and cell phone.

What to wear: Dress appropriately for the weather. Wear walking shoes or hiking boots and comfortable clothing.

Teacher Workshops



Teacher workshops are held periodically through out the year and, upon request. Workshops are based on existing park programs and resources.

Current Workshop Offerings [Sign up at www.mhtc.dcboces.org/](http://www.mhtc.dcboces.org/)

FDR's Boyhood Program - 1st—3rd grades, March 21st & April 11th, 2007

4:15 - 6:00 at the Henry A. Wallace Education Center

Eleanor Roosevelt "An American Hero" 4th—5th grades, April 18th & May 9th, 2007

4:15 - 6:00 at the Eleanor Roosevelt National Historic Site
"Val-Kill"

Teaching the Hudson Valley



Teaching the Hudson Valley curriculum development grants aim to help teachers share with students and other educators an understanding of and love for the culture, ecology, and history of the Valley, and the tools to preserve it. THV makes annual grants to schools with projects designed to familiarize students with significant places in the Valley. Working collaboratively with sites of cultural, historic, or natural importance, educators produce place-based lessons that complement core curriculum. Significant places include but are not limited to archives, art galleries, historic sites, libraries, museums, preserves, and parks.

THV holds *Summer institutes* featuring experts on the culture, ecosystems, and history of the Hudson Valley. These interdisciplinary programs foster interaction among diverse groups and attract K—12 educators, museum and park staff, environmentalists, librarians, scholars, community activists, and others.

THV is developing tools that will give educators and others access to curriculum units and lesson plans developed by our grantees. Once posted to the web these materials, featuring significant places throughout the Valley, will be downloadable and printable. For more information go to: www.teachingthehudsonvalley.org/

Henry A. Wallace Visitors and Education Center



The Henry A. Wallace Visitors and Education Center is the first new building added to the grounds of the historic Roosevelt Estate since the Roosevelt Presidential Library was dedicated in 1941. It serves as a joint visitor and education center for those who come to the Presidential Library and the Roosevelt –Vanderbilt National Historic Sites.

The Center's facilities include three classrooms for interactive and hands-on activities, each with a sixty-student capacity, and state-of-the-art audio-visual facilities with distance learning and video conferencing capability. A brown-bag lunch room is also available. The Wallace Center also serves tourists visiting the Presidential Library and the Roosevelt-Vanderbilt National Historic Sites with a film and orientation exhibits, improved ticketing and information services, museum store, seasonal café, and ample restroom facilities.

The National Park Service cares for special places saved by the American people so that all may experience our heritage. Experience your America.